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Quarterly Population Report

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Population Estimates

Alberta's population continues to expand at an accelerating rate. The April to June period of 2011 saw the fastest quarterly growth since the third quarter of 2008. In the second quarter of 2011 Alberta's population increased by 0.56%, adding over 21,000 persons. This was the highest quarterly growth rate among provinces. The province's mid-year population increased by almost 58,500 persons, or 1.57%, to 3,779,353 from the same period last year (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES CANADA & ALBERTA

	Population			Annual Growth Rate	
July 1	Canada	Alberta	July 1	Canada	Alberta
2006	32,576,074	3,421,253	2006	1.03%	2.98%
2007	32,929,733	3,512,691	2007	1.09%	2.67%
2008	33,319,098	3,591,791	2008	1.18%	2.25%
2009	33,729,690	3,671,699	2009	1.23%	2.22%
2010	34,126,181	3,720,928	2010	1.18%	1.34%
2011	34,482,779	3,779,353	2011	1.04%	1.57%

Source: Statistics Canada

For Canada as a whole, total population increased by 1.04% to 34,482,779 from a year ago (**Table 1**). Again this quarter, Alberta had the second highest year-over-year population growth (1.57%) among provinces (**Table 3**), behind only Prince Edward Island which saw a growth rate of 1.72% over the last year. Newfoundland and Labrador was the only province in the country that has experienced a shrinking population (-0.14%) over the same period, although both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick experienced minimal population growth.

TABLE 2: QUARTERLY COMPONENTS OF POPULATION GROWTH IN ALBERTA

Population April 1, 2011			**3,758,130**
Interprovincial Migration			+ 4,720
plus	Interprovincial Arrivals	23,715	
minus	Interprovincial Departures	18,995	
International Migration			+ 8,313
plus	Immigrants	8,290	
minus	Net Emigrants	1,210	
plus	Non-Permanent Residents	1,233	
Natural Increase			+ 8,190
plus	Births	13,916	
minus	Deaths	5,726	
Population July 1, 2011			**3,779,353**

Source: Statistics Canada

Migration

As Alberta's economic and labour market conditions continue to recover, the province attracted more migrants. Migration from all sources accounted for about 61% of the province's quarterly population growth. In the second quarter of 2011, Alberta attracted 4,720 net interprovincial migrants (**Table 2**), the second highest quarterly gain since the second quarter of 2008 and about 6 times higher than the level (803) recorded during the same period last year (**Table 5**). Alberta was not the only province to experience a net inflow of interprovincial migration in the second quarter, but the province stood out in the magnitude of its gain. Quebec saw the largest net outflow of interprovincial migrants (-2,051), followed by Ontario (-1,880), Manitoba (-853) and BC (-746).

Ontario contributed the most (1,780) to Alberta's net interprovincial gain (**Table 4**), followed by British

TABLE 3: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JULY 1, 2011 & GROWTH RATES SINCE JULY 1, 2010

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	510,578	145,855	945,437	755,455	7,979,663	13,372,996	1,250,574	1,057,884	3,779,353	4,573,321	34,666	43,675	33,322
Growth Rate	-0.14%	1.72%	0.07%	0.35%	0.94%	1.10%	1.30%	1.33%	1.57%	0.96%	0.31%	0.4%	1.5%

Source: Statistics Canada

Columbia (1,201). Alberta gained residents from every region, except for Saskatchewan (-423) and Nunavut (-25).

International migration was a big contributor to growth in the second quarter of 2011. The 8,290 permanent residents who settled in Alberta from April to June was a 15% drop from a year ago (**Table 5**). Even so, it was the third highest quarterly level over the past four decades. In addition, for the first time since the third quarter of 2009 the number of non-permanent residents (NPRs) moving to Alberta outnumbered those leaving the province, leading to a net inflow of 1,233 NPRs. As a result, a total of 8,313 international migrants, including NPRs, moved to Alberta during the second quarter of 2011. This was the highest net international migration since the second quarter of 2009, and a significant turnaround from the net loss of over 2,200 in the last quarter of 2010.

Natural Increase

Between April 1 and June 30 of 2011, Alberta experienced a natural population growth of 8,190 persons, the result of 13,916 births and only 5,726 deaths. Natural increase accounted for 39% of the province's total population growth during the period, the second highest proportion among provinces in the country behind only Nova Scotia (49%).

TABLE 4: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2011

	Destination												
Origin	**NL**	**PEI**	**NS**	**NB**	**QC**	**ON**	**MB**	**SK**	**AB**	**BC**	**YT**	**NT**	**NU**
NL	0	52	325	130	128	821	24	40	1,246	69	31	55	0
PEI	42	0	166	94	70	467	21	11	200	96	0	0	0
NS	327	187	0	848	243	1,246	118	70	1,277	502	32	84	17
NB	171	135	607	0	461	679	118	37	881	226	0	10	48
QB	137	144	289	498	0	5,740	200	243	1,143	812	33	64	40
ON	1,044	451	1,494	814	4,251	0	1,348	1,381	6,490	4,563	65	228	120
MB	56	4	60	137	151	1,478	0	759	1,411	866	3	17	25
SK	19	10	79	47	137	740	612	0	2,926	1,018	35	68	24
AB	679	155	841	635	961	4,710	869	3,349	0	6,500	46	180	70
BC	154	55	499	270	802	4,070	756	964	7,701	0	280	91	43
YT	14	30	9	0	53	119	0	44	178	120	0	37	15
NT	47	0	0	31	28	156	26	56	217	147	52	0	77
NU	52	8	9	13	7	143	22	0	45	20	27	27	0

	NL	**PEI**	**NS**	**NB**	**QC**	**ON**	**MB**	**SK**	**AB**	**BC**	**YT**	**NT**	**NU**
In Migration	2,742	1,231	4,378	3,517	7,292	20,369	4,114	6,954	23,715	14,939	604	861	479
Out Migration	2,921	1,167	4,951	3,373	9,343	22,249	4,967	5,715	18,995	15,685	619	837	373
Net Migration	-179	64	-573	144	-2,051	-1,880	-853	1,239	4,720	-746	-15	24	106

	NL	**PEI**	**NS**	**NB**	**QC**	**ON**	**MB**	**SK**	**AB**	**BC**	**YT**	**NT**	**NU**
Outflow to AB	1246	200	1277	881	1143	6490	1411	2926	n/a	7701	178	217	45
Inflow from AB	679	155	841	635	961	4710	869	3349	n/a	6500	46	180	70
Net flow to AB	567	45	436	246	182	1780	542	-423	n/a	1201	132	37	-25

Source: Statistics Canada

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TABLE 5: ALBERTA MIGRATION BY QUARTER

	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
Quarter	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration including Net NPR
2007											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	**4,725**	4,015	1,237	500	645	**2,923**	**7,648**	4,227	**11,875**
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	**4,677**	5,595	1,637	568	1,137	**4,527**	**9,204**	5,840	**15,044**
Jul-Sep	26,228	24,023	**2,205**	6,171	3,360	727	1,079	**3,163**	**5,368**	5,034	**10,402**
Oct-Dec	15,614	13,579	**2,035**	5,085	1,945	543	452	**3,049**	**5,084**	2,573	**7,657**
Total	*82,414*	*68,772*	***13,642***	*20,866*	*8,179*	*2,338*	*3,313*	***13,662***	***27,304***	***17,674***	***44,978***
2008											
Jan-Mar	18,572	14,710	**3,862**	5,352	1,633	501	486	**3,704**	**7,566**	4,046	**11,612**
Apr-Jun	24,023	16,808	**7,215**	7,196	1,902	536	820	**5,578**	**12,793**	7,255	**20,048**
Jul-Sep	22,732	20,075	**2,657**	6,455	3,564	764	1,080	**3,207**	**5,864**	7,722	**13,586**
Oct-Dec	15,137	11,026	**4,111**	5,201	2,021	559	454	**3,075**	**7,186**	4,553	**11,739**
Total	*80,464*	*62,619*	***17,845***	*24,204*	*9,120*	*2,360*	*2,840*	***15,564***	***33,409***	***23,576***	***56,985***
2009											
Jan-Mar	18,711	14,026	**4,685**	5,764	1,495	488	487	**4,268**	**8,953**	4,476	**13,429**
Apr-Jun	18,658	16,927	**1,731**	7,739	1,560	497	822	**6,504**	**8,235**	2,657	**10,892**
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	**-2,020**	7,585	3,641	775	1,080	**4,249**	**2,229**	2,281	**4,510**
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	**-2,202**	5,929	1,989	555	454	**3,839**	**1,637**	-1,511	**126**
Total	*63,068*	*60,874*	***2,194***	*27,017*	*8,685*	*2,315*	*2,843*	***18,860***	***21,054***	***7,903***	***28,957***
2010											
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	**148**	6,762	1,470	485	487	**5,294**	**5,442**	-125	**5,317**
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	**803**	9,729	1,531	494	822	**8,526**	**9,329**	-770	**8,559**
Jul-Sep	21,702	20,547	**1,155**	9,485	3,620	772	1,080	**6,173**	**7,328**	-1,869	**5,459**
Oct-Dec	16,072	13,562	**2,510**	6,667	2,003	556	454	**4,562**	**7,072**	-6,794	**278**
Total	*70,033*	*65,417*	***4,616***	*32,643*	*8,624*	*2,307*	*2,843*	***24,555***	***29,171***	***-9,558***	***19,613***
2011											
Jan-Mar	20,556	15,281	**5,275**	5,744	1,479	486	487	**4,266**	**9,541**	-558	**8,983**
Apr-Jun	23,715	18,995	**4,720**	8,290	1,538	494	822	**7,080**	**11,800**	1,233	**13,033**
Jul-Sep	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	*44,271*	*34,276*	***9,995***	*14,034*	*3,017*	*980*	*1,309*	***11,346***	***21,341***	***675***	***22,016***

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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